

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Official Action dated February 12, 2007 for the above identified patent application.

The Examiner's indication at pages 3 and 4 of the Official Action, that Claims 23 - 27, 29, 32, and 46 - 55 are allowed, and that Claims 7 - 8, 10 - 20, 22, 30 - 31, 34, and 36 - 45 are directed to allowable subject matter, is gratefully acknowledged by Applicant.

At page 2 of the Official Action, independent Claims 1 and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by the Herzer published U.S. patent application.

Independent Claim 1 has been revised to incorporate the features of dependent Claims 6 - 7, effectively rewriting dependent Claim 7 in independent form. Claim 7 has been indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter in the Official Action.

Independent Claim 35 has been revised to include the features of dependent Claim 38, thereby effectively rewriting dependent Claim 38 in independent form. Dependent Claim 38 has been indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter in the Official Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 1, as amended herein, and independent Claim 35 as amended herein, are allowable. Dependent Claims 6 - 7 have been cancelled since the features of these claims are now incorporated in independent Claim 1, and dependent Claim 38 has been cancelled since the features of this claim are now incorporated in independent Claim 35.

Dependent Claims 4 - 6, 9, and 21, which were rejected over the prior art, now depend from allowable independent Claim 1. Therefore, dependent Claims 4 - 6, 9, and 21 are allowable, at least for the same reasons as parent independent Claim 1, as amended herein.

Revisions were also made to the form of Claims 35, 51, and 52 to correct minor typographical errors.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in the present application are now in proper form for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

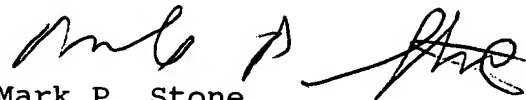
Applicant requests that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 35 made herein be entered, notwithstanding the Final Action. The amendments to these claims are directed exclusively to matters of form by rewriting allowable dependent claims in independent format, do not raise any new substantive issues requiring further search or consideration by the Patent &

Trademark Office, and place this patent application in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the time for responding to the Final Action one (1) month, through and including June 12, 2007, together with the required fee for the requested extension of time.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark P. Stone', is written over the typed name.

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